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1. IN ITS SOLE EDITORIAL AUGUST 13, THE MAJOR
DAILY TRINIDAD GUARDIAN STRONGLY CRITICIZED RECEN
U.S. STATEMENTS REGARDING "THIRD WORLD" VOTING IN
THE U9N. BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW.

2. WHILE THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN
STATES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT RESTRUCTURING IT SO THAT
THE TAIN OF NORTH AMERICAN DOMINATION IS REMOVED,
UNITED STATES SECRETARY KISSINGER IS CALLING FOR A
NW UNITED NATIONS IN WHICH THE VOTES OF THE RICH
COUNTRIES WOULD PREDOMINATE.

3. IT HAS BEEN THE THESIS OF U.S. PROPAGANDA FOR
MONTHS THAT THE SMALL COUNTRIES ARE THROWING THEIR
WEIGHT ABOUT IN THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MUST
BE PUT IN THEIR PLACE. THE FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO
THE U.N. MR. JOHN SCALIGN HIS SUCCESSOR DR. DANIEL
MOYNIHAN, OF "BENIGN NEGLECT" FAME, AND DR. KISSINGER
HIMSELF HAVE ALL BEEN HAVING THEIR SAY AND MORE WILL BE
HEARD AT TTE COMING THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE
ASSEMBLY.

4. THEIR THEME IS TTAT THE U.N. IS NOW DOMINATED BY THE
COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD AND THEY HANKER FOR A RETURN
TO THE DAYS WHEN THOSE COUNTRIES OBEDINTLY LINED UP
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BEHIND THE U.S. ON EVERY CONCEIVABLE OCCASION.

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5. THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND THE SMALL COUNTRIES AT LEAST TRY TO FOLLOW WHAT THEY CONCEIVE TO BE THEIR OWN BEST INTERESTS-- OF WHICH THEY ARE THE BEST JUDGES -- RATHER THA
FOLLOW THE LINE DICATED BY THE U.S. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN THE INTEREST OF THE U.S.

6. WHO WOULD HAVE IMAGINED THE GUYANESE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE VENTURING TO TAKE THE STAND HE DID IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMISSION OF NORTH VIET NAM AND THE PROVI-SIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET NAM TO U.SN. MEMBERSHIP AT MONDAY'S SESSION OF THE SECRUITY COUNCIL?

7. HE WOULD NOT HAVE ACCUSED THE U.S. OF "BIOCIDE" IN VIET NAM NOR MADE REFERENCE TO THE ATOMIC HOLOCAUST OF HIROSHIMA; HE WOULD HAVE TAKEN THE U.S. SIDE AND VOTED FOR THE ADMISSION OF SOUTH KOREA AND THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN END TO THE MATTER.

8. THE CHANGED SITUATION RESULTS FROM THE DETENTE BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE COLD WAR AND THINGS LIKE THE SUCCESSFUL RESISTANCE OF THE VIETNAMESE, FIRST TO FRENCH AND THEN TO MASSIV U.S. MILITARY PRESSUREM

9. THE CLASH OF INTERESTS ON MONDAY EVENING RESULTED IN THE U.S. FINDING ITSELN IN A MINORITY OF ONE, OUTVOTED BY 13 VOTES ON THE OTHER SIDE WITH COSTA RICA ALONE ABSTAINING. I HAD, THEREFORE, TO RESORT T AN OBSTRUC-TIVE VET TO FRUSTRATE THE DESIRES OF THE MAJORITY WHO WERE NOT IMPRESSED THAT THE ADMISSION OF THE VIET NAMS SHOULD BE MEASURED ON THE SAOE SCALE AS THAT OF SOUTT KOREA. THEY WERE NOT ALL THIRD WORLD STATES.

10. DR. KISSINGER'S STATEMENT O THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOC-IATION IN MONTREAL OBVIOUSLY REPRESENTS THE POSITION OF THE U.S. IN THE CURRENT REVIEW OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS BEING CARRIED OUT BY AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF 42 MEMBERS NOW SITTING AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS, WHOSE REPORT IS DUE FOR PRESENTATION AT NEXT MONTH'S ASSEMBLY
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SESSION.

GPQ. BUT JUST AS THE U.S. DESIRES A CHANGE IN THE VOTING SYSTEM IN THE ASSEMBLY, OTHER NATIONS MAY SEEK TO ABOLSIH OR MODIFY THE VETO WHICH THE CHARTER CONFERS ON THE OLD FIVE "BIG POWERS" OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WHO ARE THEPERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

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12. A VETO BY WHOSOEVER ENJOYED IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE CONCEPT OF THE QUALITY OF STATES JUST AS ANY PROPOSAL FOR A WEIGHTED SYSTEM OF VOTING IN THE ASSEMBLY BASED ON WEALTH OR SIZE OF FIREPOWER WOULD BE RETORGRESSIVE.

13. DR. KISSINGER'S REMARKS TO THE LAWYERS MAY BE SEEN AS A CONTINUATION OF THE CAMPAIGN TO COW THE SMALL STATES AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES INTO ABANDONMENT OF THEIR CALL FOR A REORDERING OF THE TERMS OF TRADE AND THE ADOPTION AND APPLICATION OF A NEW CONCEPT ON THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES. THERE HAVE BEEN EVEN THREATS OF CUTTING OFF FUNDS.

14. DR. KISSINGER'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH LAST MONTH SHOWED WHAT HE IS LAMENTING IS THAT WHEREAS AT ANOTHER TIME "THE U.N. FOLLOWED THE AMERICAN LEAD, " NOW" OUR DOMINANCE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NO LONGER WAS ASSURED". MULLIGAN

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